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SUBJ: AFM REAFFIRMS ITS INDEPENDENT STANCE VIS-A-VIS
POLITICAL PARTIES

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1. IN WAKE OF RECENT DECLARATIONS BY LEADERS OF DEMOCRATIC
MOVEMENT (MDP/CDE) TO THE EFFECT THAT IT IS THE PARTY OF THE
AFM (REFTEL), AND ALSO REACTING TO APPREHENSIONS STEMMING FROM
PRESENCE AT MDP CONGRESS OF LABOR MINISTER COSTA MARTINS, AFM
COORDINATING COMMITTEE THROUGH FIFTH DIVISION OF GENERAL STAFF
ISSUED COMMUNIQUE TO PRESS NOVEMBER 4 REAFFIRMING
THAT IT INDEPENDENT FROM ALL PARTIES. AFM, SAYS STATEMENT,
MADE ITS REVOLUTION TO DESTROY FASCISM, WHICH MEANS THAT ITS
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PROGRAM SHOULD BE CONSIDERED "PROGRESSIVE". TO THE LEFT OF

FASCISM (WHICH IS DEFINED AS A DESPERATE FORMULA TO GUARANTEE MAINTENANCE OF MONOPOLISTIC CAPITALISM) EXISTS A WIDE GAMUT OF POSSIBLE "SOLUTIONS", (SIC) ALL REVOLVING MORE OR LESS AROUND SOCIALISTIC TENDENCIES. THESE ARE THE TENDENCIES WHICH REPRESENT THE PROGRESSIVE SENSSE OF THE REVOLUTION INASMUCH AS THEY ARE BASED ON RECOGNITION THAT THE STATE WILL HAVE TO INTERVENE TO GUARANTEE THE ROAD TOWARDS GREATER SOCIAL JUSTICE.

2. THE AFM, COMMUNIQUE GOES ON TO SAY, DOES NOT HAVE A POLITICAL PARTY OF ITS OWN, NOR IS IT A POLITICAL PARTY. FURTHERMORE, AFM IS NOT COMPROMISED WITH ANY MOVEMENT (READ MDP). THE AFM IS ABOVE POLITICAL PARTIES, AND ACCEPTS ALL THOSE WHICH DO NOT OPPOSE ITS PROGRAM. WHILE IT EMBRACES AND ENCOURAGES ANTI-FASCIST FORCES, IT IS NOT LINKED WITH THEM, SINCE DEMOCRATIC FORMS OF EXPRESSION ARE VARIED AND NECESSARY, AND AFM PROGRAM SEEKS TO ENSURE AUTHENTIC PLURALIST DEMOCRACY IN PORTUGAL.
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